CHAPTER 3

SHIN JIGEN ASCENSION

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Highlights from the Previous Chapter

Story Outline

Japan, 2012. A "CD which makes you smarter" called "Trigger" is extremely popular among high school students. However, strange incidents begin happening to the people who listen to it. Chitose goes in search of his best friend who disappeared right after listening to "Trigger" and tries to find the truth behind the CD.

The Story So Far

A female high school student dies at her school. Fused to a locker. The person responsible for the strange incidents is rumoured to be "A person who awakened after listening to Trigger". Chitose uses the Trigger message board to investigate Hayato's whereabouts and approached Kouda, a boy who could hold the clue to Hayato's disappearance. However, he was unable to find any new information. On the way home, his friend Morisaki is attacked by the "perpetrator" for some reason!

Main Characters

Kouda

A student at Kanyou Academy who attends the same cram school as Chitose. On the Trigger message board there's a rumour going round that he's the perpetrator

Hayato Hajima

Chitose's best friend and a scholarship student who wants to be a soccer player in the future. Right after he listened to Trigger, his whole family disappeared

Nayuta Tsumoi

A detective who is a member of the "Special Missions Investigative Department", which handles difficult cases. He is investigating the incident at Kanyou Academy

Shinku Higa

Chitose's classmate who is skilled at collecting information. She goes by the name "Ainaune" online and has many followers

Taman Akechi

Chitose's cousin. An all-around geek who has an American medical license and claims to be a genius. He works at an osteopathic clinic in Kamakura

Chitose Amami

A soccer-loving high school student who attends a private high school. He's looking for his friend who disappeared.

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WATANABE MIZUKI
MORISAKI-KUN'S OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS
THE LEG WHICH GOT FUSED TO THE BIKE HAD TO BE AMPUTATED,
BUT HE WAS SAVED BECAUSE YOU CALLED AN AMBULANCE RIGHT AWAY AND HE WAS TREATED QUICKLY.
MORISAKI...!
Sorry, this must be hard for you
SO,
DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE?
IT WAS DARK AND IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY
AH.
THE BLOOD...
BLOOD..?

BLOOD, HUH..?
BUT,
BECAUSE OF THE TIMING, I THINK THE PERSON YOU BUMPED INTO IS THE PERPETRATOR
WHAT'S THE MATTER, NANA-CHAN?
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYONE ELSE EITHER
T.L Note- In Japanese "coat-tail rider" is "uya no naka hikari" so Tamon nicknamed Nayuta "Nana-chan"
ALL THOSE CHARACTERS IN HIS NAME ARE ANNOYING
I CALL HIM "NANA-CHAN" BECAUSE HE GETS CALLED A "COAT-TAIL RIDER"
Huh?
NANA-CHAN?
AH, I'M HONOURED TO BE GIVEN A NICKNAME BY YOU, DOCTOR AKECHI
OH, I SEE
ACTUALLY,
THE INCIDENT ON THE 15TH OF MAY AND THE INCIDENT INVOLVING MORISAKI-KUN FROM THE OTHER DAY
THE PERPETRATOR SPILLED SOME BLOOD
HE ALSO HAD A BAND-AID ON HIS HAND
IT WAS DARK
AND I ONLY SAW HIM FOR AN INSTANT, SO I DIDN'T GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE

TRACES OF BLOOD WERE FOUND NEAR BOTH OF THOSE SCENES.
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT ALL THE BLOOD CAME FROM THE SAME PERSON, AND IT DIDN'T BELONG TO THE VICTIMS EITHER.
THE PERPETRATOR WAS HURT WHEN THE VICTIMS FOUGHT BACK?
HOW-EVER...
NO BLOOD OR SKIN CELLS FROM THE PERPETRATOR WAS FOUND IN THE VICTIMS' NAILS
IN OTHER WORDS, THE PERPETRATOR WAS HURT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON.
ALSO...
I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING INTERESTING

THE VICTIMS' BODIES WERE FUSED WITH METAL AND FOREIGN OBJECTS AT AN ATOMIC LEVEL
ALL THE SCENES HAD THAT IN COMMON.
AND... AS DOCTOR AKECHI POINTED OUT,
A HIGHER LEVEL OF RADIATION THAN NORMAL WAS DETECTED ON THE VICTIMS' CLOTHING
IN OTHER WORDS, THE FUSION RESULTED FROM HIGH FREQUENCY VIBRATIONS WHICH ISOLATED THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE
I BELIEVE THAT THE RADIATION OCCURRED AT THE TIME OF FUSION
I DON'T QUITE UNDER-STAND,
BUT DOES THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY SMARTPHONE BEING BROKEN?
YOUR SMART-PHONE?

WHEN I LOOKED AT IT AFTER THE INCIDENT MORISAKI WAS INVOLVED IN, IT WAS COMPLETELY BROKEN.
She was really angry
Mom bought it for me
MORISAKI-KUN'S PHONE WAS BROKEN TOO
I DON'T THINK IT'S UNRELATED.
THE ENERGY PROBABLY SHORT-CIRCUITED THE PHONE WHEN THE OBJECT WAS FUSED WITH THE VICTIM.
WAS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WAS STRANGE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT, JUST TELL ME ABOUT IT.
HMM...
THERE WAS A STRANGE GUY THERE. HIS NAME IS KAZUMA KOUDA AND HE'S A FIRST YEAR AT KANYOU ACADEMY.
HE WAS DEFENSIVE AND DIDN'T SAY MUCH.
BUT I SAW SOMETHING STRANGE

It's fine!
You're hopeless
I'm better than you, Tamon-kun!
IT'S AN EXPLANATION, SO YOU DON'T NEED QUALITY!
.. YOUR DRAWING IS HORRIBLE
THERE WAS SOMETHING IN HIS PENCIL CASE...
SOME-THING...
A METAL PEN THAT WAS SPLIT INTO TWO, FROM THE TOP
AND IT WAS TWISTED LIKE THIS
.. IT'S LIKE THE HUTCHISON EFFECT
JOHN HUTCHISON IS A CANADIAN PHYSICIST WHO WAS BORN IN 1945.
HUTCHI ?
What's that?
AND THE SWITCH WAS PULLED
WHEN THE TEST SUBJECTS WERE PLACED INTO A DEVICE WHICH UTILISED HIGH VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT AND A HIGH VOLTAGE STATIC ELECTRICITY GENERATOR (A TESLA COIL AND A VAN DER GRAAFF GENERATOR)
THE "HUTCHISON EFFECT" IS A PHENOMENON WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM, HELD IN OTTAWA, CANADA IN 1988.

REGARDLESS OF THEIR PROPERTIES, ALL THE OBJECTS FLOATED, FUSED WITH ONE ANOTHER, OR WERE DESTROYED
THE BROKEN OBJECTS LOOKED AS IF THEY HAD BEEN FORCIBLY TORN APART
OR CUT WITH A KNIFE
THE SERIES OF INCIDENTS WHERE A HUMAN BODY FUSED WITH A FOREIGN OBJECT ARE CAUSED BY THE USE OF PLASMA
THE FUSION AT AN ATOMIC LEVEL IS THE GREATEST PROOF OF THAT
THE TRUTH BEHIND THAT PHENOMENON IS PLASMA
Look! You haven't rubbed everything out
It was all fuzzy
THAT'S IT!
IT LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN CUT WITH A KNIFE!
ARE YOU FRIENDLY WITH THAT GUY?
NO
I ONLY STARTED TALKING TO HIM RECENTLY
HE WENT CRAZY WHEN I PICKED UP HIS PEN,
AND ON THE WAY HOME AFTER THAT, MORIGAKI WAS

IF THAT BOY KOUDA IS THE PERPETRATOR,
...
...COULD IT BE THAT..
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT HE TRIED TO KILL YOU, SINCE YOU KNOW HIS SECRET, BUT MADE A MISTAKE.
BUT...
HE'S THE...
BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANY PROOF AT PRESENT, THE POLICE CAN'T ARREST HIM
PERPE-TRATOR...?
ANYWAY, DON'T GO NEAR KOUDA.
HEY, YOU.
W-WHAT SHOULD I...

What should I do?
IT'S NO GOOD. IF I DON'T GO TO CRAM SCHOOL, MOM WILL GET ANGRY!
Hey, you...
BUT IF KOUDA-KUN WAS THE PERPETRATOR,
COULDN'T HE HAVE USED THE PLASMA GENERATOR TO CARRY OUT A CRIME...
RIGHT AFTER THE PROOF WAS SEEN?
THAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF HE ALWAYS CARRIED THE DEVICE AROUND
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE WAS CARRYING SOMETHING THAT BIG
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW KOUDA-KUN'S BLOOD TYPE?
...I'M SURE IT'S TYPE B
THE BLOOD-STAIN AT THE SCENE WAS ALSO TYPE B
HOW DID YOU KNOW KOUDA'S BLOOD TYPE?
Here!
MY CLASS-MATE WHO'S A HACKER TOLD ME!
SHE TOLD ME THAT HE SLITS HIS WRISTS
AND THAT HE WENT CRAZY FROM LISTENING TO "TRIGGER" TOO MUCH
Classmate who's a hacker...?
"TRIGGER"?
A CD THAT'S RUMOURED TO MAKE YOU SMARTER
IT'S RUMOURED TO UNLOCK LATENT ABILITIES TOO
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE GRADES IMPROVE, BUT THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE WHO GO CRAZY,
OR EVEN DISAPPEAR

RIGHT! DETECTIVE!
I'M LOOKING FOR HIM!
PLEASE! HELP ME
ブーン
A TEXT MESSAGE?
To
This is Kou
June 1st 2012
I'll tell you about
Hayato Hajima,
on the condition
that you come alone.
Come to R Hotel
ake Sagami at 2PM today.
MY FRIEND LISTENED TO TRIGGER TOO AND SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED...
...THIS IS FROM KOUDA?
...I'M WARNING YOU DON'T GO

HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE POLICE
HE THINKS HE CAN SOLVE THINGS BY GETTING RID OF YOU
BUT HE SAID HE KNOWS ABOUT HAYATO!
NO MATTER HOW UN-ASSUMING HE SEEMS, IT'S OBVIOUSLY A TRAP
You idiot
BUT...
I WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY, NO MATTER HOW DANGER-OUS IT IS!
THUD
THUD
THUD
CHITOSE-KUN.

AH,
OKAY
That's a strange room
GET OUT OF THE WAY, NANA-CHAN
JEEZ
click
A FLUO-RESCENT LAMP...?
A GPS TOO
BY THE WAY, NANA-CHAN...
HAVE YOU GOT A GUN?
WHERE ARE YOU, KOUDA?!
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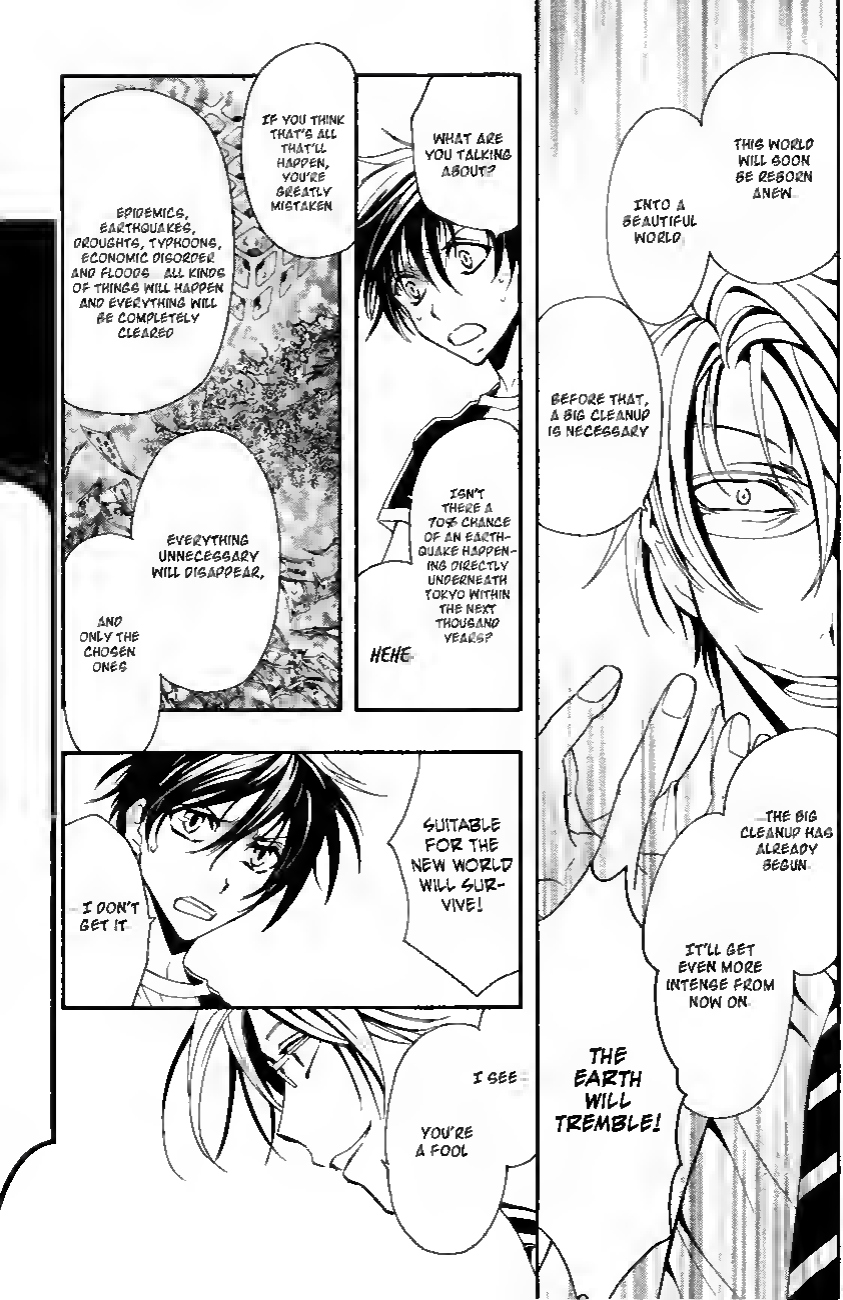
MIDORI WARD
SAGAMIHARA CITY
KANAGAWA PREFECTURE

KOUDA!
HMM
JUST TALK TO ME FROM OVER THERE!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL, IS IT?!
WON'T IT BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO TALK?
WHY ARE YOU ALL THE WAY OVER THERE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU'VE NOTICED, HAVEN'T YOU?
MORISAKI... WAS IT? THE GUY FROM KOUSEI...
I HEARD HE'S ALIVE.
TOO BAD.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
EVERYONE WILL DIE ANYWAY
INCLUDING YOU
THIS GUY
IS REALLY...
WHY...?!
THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN CHOSEN WILL DIE ANYWAY
SOONER OR LATER...

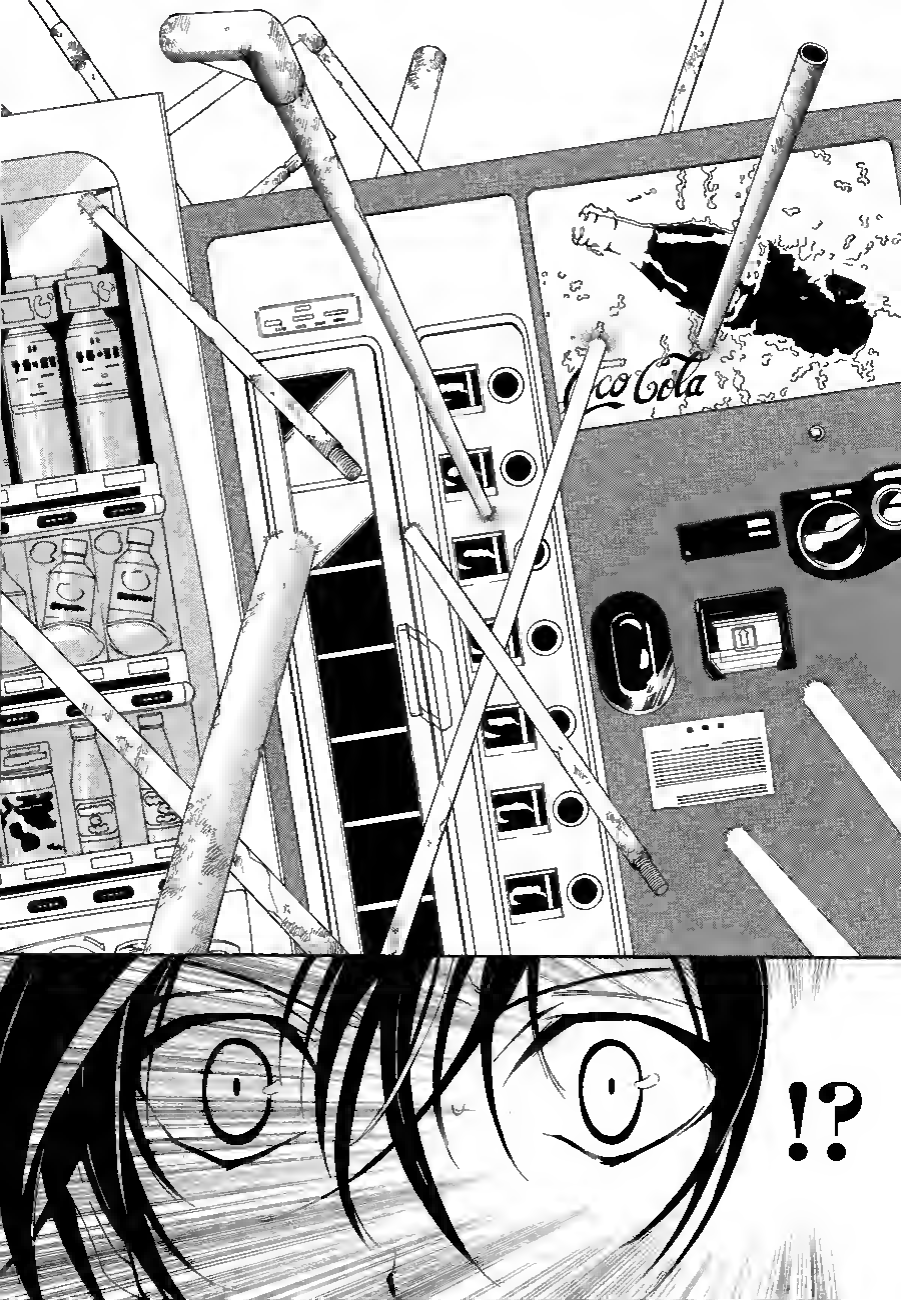

THIS WORLD WILL SOON BE REBORN ANEW
INTO A BEAUTIFUL WORLD
BEFORE THAT, A BIG CLEANUP IS NECESSARY
THE BIG CLEANUP HAS ALREADY BEGUN
IT'LL GET EVEN MORE INTENSE FROM NOW ON
THE EARTH WILL TREMBLE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ISN'T THERE A TOO CHANCE OF AN EARTHQUAKE HAPPENING DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH TOKYO WITHIN THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS?
HEHE
IF YOU THINK THAT'S ALL THAT'LL HAPPEN, YOU'RE GREATLY MISTAKEN
EPIDEMICS, EARTHQUAKES, DROUGHTS, TYPHOONS, ECONOMIC DISORDER AND FLOODS ALL KINDS OF THINGS WILL HAPPEN AND EVERYTHING WILL BE COMPLETELY CLEARED
EVERYTHING UNNECESSARY WILL DISAPPEAR,
AND ONLY THE CHOSEN ONES
SUITABLE FOR THE NEW WORLD WILL SURVIVE!
I DON'T GET IT
I SEE
YOU'RE A FOOL

!?
DASH
I'M SAYING THAT THE NEANDERTHALS WILL DIE OUT!
BAM
!?
THEN YOU'LL DIE TOO.
Ouch...
HE'S LYING, RIGHT?!
CRUNCH

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
I'M ONE OF THE CHOSEN HUMANS!
MOVE
!!
SHOOSH
THIS IS PROOF!

STAB

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE



INSTANTANEOUS FUSION OF OBJECTS
AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
CRUNCH

THE PEOPLE WHO COLLECT THE CHOSEN ONES
I'VE GOT TO GET THEM TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM THIS IMPURE WORLD SOON!
WELL, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU IN A SHOWY WAY.
...I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THOSE PEOPLE FIND ME SOON
THOSE PEOPLE?
HUFF
HUFF
IS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT PLACE?
YES
DOCTOR AKECHI!
WAIT...
You're too fast

No way!
I-IT'S GLOWING!
WHY?!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
SHOOSH
SWIWE
GYAAH!
THERE'S NO SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY HERE...
This way
THE ELECTRONS INSIDE THE FLUORESCENT LIGHT ARE GLOWING BECAUSE THEY'RE REACTING TO AN ELECTRIC FIELD
THIS PROVES THAT THERE'S A POWERFUL ELECTRICAL FIELD NEARBY
YES
A POWERFUL ELECTRICAL FIELD...?
COULD THE PERPETRATOR AND CHITOSE-KUN BE THERE?!
BY THE WAY, A FLUORESCENT LIGHT CAN BE ACTIVATED JUST BY HOLDING IT UNDERNEATH A HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINE
HOLDING A FLUORESCENT LIGHT NEAR A CONCENTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WAVES WILL CAUSE IT TO LIGHT UP, EVEN INSIDE AN APARTMENT. YOU CAN TEST IT FOR YOURSELF
THE STRONGER THE LIGHT BECOMES, THE MORE POWERFUL THE ELECTRICAL FIELD IS
THE LIGHT IS SHINING IN AN UNUSUAL WAY
I... I'LL CALL FOR HELP RIGHT AWAY!
STEP

HUFF
HUFF
HEH
HAVE YOU GIVEN UP NOW?
..YOU'LL DIE ANYWAY
YOU ALL WILL.

IT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
IF I TOUCH SOMETHING THE INSTANT I FEEL PAIN, I CAN FUSE ANYTHING.
THE RULES OF SCIENCE DON'T MATTER
...ANY-THING!
...YOU REALLY, DID THAT BECAUSE OF "TRIGGER"?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A CD WHICH CLASSIFIES HUMANITY!
THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING ABOVE!
SO WHY, DID YOU KILL PEOPLE?!
THOSE WERE EXPERI-MENTS

HUFF
EXPERIMENTS?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL, RIGHT?
IT'S NORMAL TO TEST HOW MUCH YOU CAN DO
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I CUT MY WRIST AND MY PEN SUDDENLY TURNED OUT THE WAY IT DID
A GIRL AT MY SCHOOL HAD A NOISY AND SCREECHING VOICE I THRUST HER SMARTPHONE INTO HER THROAT SO SHE COULDN'T SPEAK
THEN...
WHEN I EXPERIMENTED ON A STRAY CAT AND A NEIGHBOURHOOD DOG, SOME STUPID ADULT MADE A BIG FUSS
I MEAN.. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY STUPID AND NOISY DOGS DIE, DOES IT?
YOU'RE ALL GOING TO DIE SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY
YOU...
I'M A CHOSEN ONE!

YOU'RE ALL GOING TO DIE ANYWAY
NOW IT'LL JUST HAPPEN A LITTLE SOONER, WON'T IT?
ONLY THE CHOSEN ONES WILL BE ABLE TO ASCEND!
SO...
HURRY UP AND DIE!

STEP
STOP RIGHT THERE!
PUT DOWN THE KNIFE! OR I'LL SHOOT!
I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR VIOLATION OF THE SWORD AND FIREARMS ACT AND ATTEMPTED ASSAULT!

LET GO!
DON'T TOUCH ME WITH YOUR FILTHY HANDS!
CHITOSE!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
I'M ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES!
HEY..
DON'T BE SO RECKLESS
JEEZ
TAMON-KUN

I'M HERE!
WHY?!
LET GO!
COME AND GET ME SOON!
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KANAGAWA PREFECTURE

WHY?
THE BLOOD AT ALL OF THE SCENES WAS A MATCH TO YOUR DNA
HERE
NOW YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK
I'M ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES...
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?
MANY ANIMAL BODIES WERE FOUND FUSED WITH METAL AROUND YOUR HOME TOO
... WILL YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH?

HURRY.

HURRY.
THEN YOU STARTED TO CARRY OUT "EXPERIMENTS"?
YOUR METAL BALL-POINT PEN HAPPENED TO SPLIT INTO TWO WHEN YOU CUT YOUR WRIST
GO...

COME AND GET ME!

HURRY!!
...YOU DIDN'T CARE WHO YOU TARGETED?
EVERY LIVING BEING HAS A LIFE, EVEN THE SMALLEST ONE
NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE THAT AWAY

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
WERE IN THE POSITION OF THE VICTIM OR THEIR FAMILY?
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
YOUR PARENTS ARE IN GOOD HEALTH YOU'VE GOT FOOD AND A HOME TOO. YOU
ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO'VE LOST THEIR HOMES AND
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
YET YOU DID SUCH CRUEL THINGS
YOU FEEL ANYTHING?
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
I'M...
AT MY LIMIT
SAY SOME-THING
SHI
O
TA
NE
HUH?

WAAAAAAAAH!
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TSUJIDO FAMILY HOME
KAWASAKI CITY
MIYAMAE WARD
KANAGAWA PREFECTURE
HE SURE IS ON TV A LOT THESE DAYS
ANTHONY-SAMA
HEY, ISN'T MIYU-CHAN LATE?
MIYU
MIYU-CHAN
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE~
WE WOULD LIKE TO PRODUCE GREEN ENERGY WHICH DOESN'T RELY ON NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE OF JAPAN'S CHILDREN.
MAMA
YOUR PRINCE IS ON TV, MAMA
He's the PR man for some scientific company

COMING!
ROAR
tap
I LOVE YOU, AOI
I'LL MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL.
A new trigger... is being pulled!
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To be continued
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